

# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday

March 15, 2015

8:30

Love God,

Love our Neighbors,

Serve the World

Communion Worship Service

## Now the Feast and Celebration

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*\*NTF refers to the Now the Feast and Celebration booklet*

**Prelude**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

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**Gathering Hymn**

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

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**Greeting**

**Kyrie**

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**Hymn of Praise**

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

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**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Special Music**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Sr. Choir

**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins<sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.<sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved —<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God —<sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Verse**

“Return to God”

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**Gospel:** The holy gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.<sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.<sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the

light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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# Worship

## News & Announcements

### Holy Week Worship

Holy Week is fast approaching. Here are ways you are able to participate in this spiritual journey:

**Saturday, March 28 and Sunday March 29:** We will be waving Palms and celebrating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We are excited to celebrate with Dixieland style music at the 8:30 service!

**Thursday, April 2:** Maundy Thursday services will be held 11:00AM and at 7:00PM on April 2.

**Friday, April 3:** Good Friday will be a time for your own self directed, spiritual journey. There will be booklets provided for you to read and reflect on the Stations of the Cross set up in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, April 5:** We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the death of the cross! Sunrise service at 6:30AM. Easter services at 8:30 and 10:30

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily or flowering plant to enhance our Easter Sunday Sanctuary, you may call and place your order with Cottage Floral (784-6966). They will take your order and put your name on the back of the plant so you may pick it up after the Easter services. They will deliver orders to the church on Thursday, April 2.

You could also have an option of purchasing your own plant from a vendor of your choice and bringing it to the church. All arrangements need to be at the church on Thursday, April 2.

# Service

## News & Announcements

### **Food of the Month: Hamburger Helper & Fruit**

Do you know where the food goes that you place in the bin in the narthex? Every Monday night from 5:30-7:30 and also the last Saturday morning of the month, a group called From the Heart Food Pantry works out of Trinity's basement to help our neighbors. They offer food to anyone who may need it, including many who are out of work, and some whose paycheck just doesn't make it through the month. They have been helping 20-25 families each week and everything you donate is usually given to one of our neighbors before the week is over.

*Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food.*

The **Love Thy Neighbor** jar for March is for **Hunger Task Force**. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

# Children & Youth

## News & Announcements

### **Confirmation Schedule**

March 18: Instruction

March 25: Service



### **Summer High School Service Trip**

If you are a high school student and would like to join us on a service trip to Kansas City from 7/26-8/1/15 please let us know. In addition to making new friends, we will share our faith with other Christian youth and the Kansas City community through work and service. Please consider joining us. We will have several fundraising opportunities to help cover the cost of the trip. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or [cuninlax@outlook.com](mailto:cuninlax@outlook.com)) for information or with questions on the trip.

### **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

There are still opportunities to help with the pancake breakfast, so please check the sign-up board in the narthex. The proceeds will be used to offset the cost of the youth service trip this summer. Please come down and join us March 29<sup>th</sup> for breakfast. The cost is \$6.00 per person ages 13 and over, \$4.00 for children ages 4-12 and free for children ages 3 and under. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or [cuninlax@outlook.com](mailto:cuninlax@outlook.com)) with any questions.

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## News & Announcements

**Attention Graduates!** Let Trinity congratulate you as you graduate! Send an electronic picture and the following information to [bonniejeranek@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejeranek@gmail.com) : Name of graduate, school from which you are graduating, plans after graduation, and parents' name/s. We are proud of your achievement! Let us share that with the entire Trinity Family! Deadline April 30.

**No March Sunday Brunch.** Instead, attend the youth Palm Sunday Breakfast on March 29! See details on the Children & Youth page of this bulletin.

Join us for **Lenten lunch or dinner** and fellowship this Wednesday, March 18. It's only \$5 and kids 5 and under eat free! Lunch follows 11:00 church service. Vegetable soup and chicken salad sandwiches on the menu. Dinner from 5:30-6:30 is pizza and salad.

Thank you to the following for helping on the February funeral Committee: Bernice Arentz, Betty Bess, Al Borsheim, Tom Bruemmer, Jackie Kessler, Patti Lukwitz, Mary Peters, Kathy Swanson, Pat Thill and Joanne Thoftne. Sharon Olson, Chair

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## 10:30 Service This week

### Physical Touch—Mark 10:13-16

This language isn't all about the bedroom. A person whose primary language is Physical Touch is, not surprisingly, very touchy. Hugs, pats on the back, holding hands, and thoughtful touches on the arm, shoulder, or face—they can all be ways to show excitement, concern, care and love. Physical presence and accessibility are crucial, while neglect or abuse can be unforgivable and destructive.

### Next Week

#### Acts of Service

Acts of Service: John 3:16

Be sure to check out Trinity's Facebook page for current happenings and photos.

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You can find the 8:30 radio worship service bulletin and the monthly newsletter online at [www.trinitylutheranlax.org](http://www.trinitylutheranlax.org)

## Next Week in Worship

Fifth Weekend in Lent

### Next week's Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51: 1-12

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12:20-33

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February Giving

\$16,825

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February Budgeted

\$23,296

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Year to Date

Giving: \$37,852

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Budgeted giving

through March: \$86,768

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## Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mike Sanding, Hilda Melde, Pat Bogie, & Military Members Austin Bekkum & Justin Boardman



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## **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wed.

## **Service Times**

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30 WKTY 580 AM

## **This Week at Trinity**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

**9a TOPS**

**4-7 Northside Kids' Clothes Closet**

**5-6p Monday's Meals**

**5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry**

**7p Women's Bible Study**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**7p Boy Scouts**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**11a Worship (lunch following)**

**7p Worship (dinner 5:30-6:30)**

**Confirmation: Instruction**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

**1-3 Prayer Shawl**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**



